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**Week 2: Assignment 4**

**Literature Search and Review Synopsis**

**Electronic Database Search Report**

1. I want to find a research report about: television affecting attention span for my Action Research Proposal about teaching lessons in the classroom in increments of time.

2. Briefly explain how this topic relates to your Action Research Proposal topic of interest.

Student’s educational attention spans have weakened due to television. It seems that students are used to receiving television breaks known as commercials. This in return affects their classroom performance and capability to pay attention for so long.

3. For my searches, I used:

4. Y\_X\_ N \_\_ Lamar University Mary and John Gray Library Electronic Resources

5. Y\_X\_ N \_\_ Academic Search Complete Database used to search for research report

6. Describe processes you used for each of your searches to identify a research report summarize.

I went to the Lamar website and clicked on the link Library. I then clicked on the journal go button leading me to the Academic Search Complete Database Link. I then, typed in attention span in the first box and my topic search television in the second box.

7. What report search terms/keywords and data types did you use for each search?

I used many keywords such as: television affecting students, student attention span, teaching in seven minutes, then attention span television. I did not select a field. I knew I would not get a number of unwanted results considering my topic is limited.

8. With the second and subsequent searches, what Boolean operators did you use to limit your searches?

Again, I did not have much limitation considering my topic is limited. I simply typed in the blank areas and found results in a timely manner.

Be sure to provide enough detail so that another person may replicate the findings of your search.

***First Search***

• Search terms: television affecting students

• # of articles identified \_\_\_\_574251\_\_\_\_\_

• Is this search sufficiently limited? (Y/N) \_\_N\_. Why? I did not limit my topic. There are many articles with the word television.

***Second Search***

• Search terms and Boolean operators to limit/focus search results.

• # of articles identified \_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_

• Is this search sufficiently limited? (Y/N) \_\_Y\_. Why? Reducing the amount of words limited my search.

***Third Search***

• Search terms and Boolean operators to limit/focus search results.

• # of articles identified \_\_\_\_77\_\_\_\_\_

• Is this search sufficiently limited? (Y/N) \_\_Y\_. Why? One is able to display ten per page and identify which articles are relevant to his or her topic.

In the next section, report the final database search and the process used to identify the research report which you selected for this review and synopsis.

***Final Search***

• Number of times your search was repeated with additional or different search terms: \_\_\_\_7\_\_\_

• List Search terms, data types and Boolean operators used to limit/focus search results for final search. Provide enough detail that another person may replicate the findings of your final search.

I went to the Lamar website and clicked on the link Library. I then clicked on the journal go button leading me to the Academic Search Complete Database Link. I then, typed in “attention span” in the first box and my topic search “television: in the second box. I then click on the full text option on the right hand side and update. This then led me to a number of resources that I was able to identify what I need.

• Search terms and Boolean operators to limit/focus search results.

I limited my search to full text and the words attention span and television.

• # of articles identified: \_\_\_25\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Is this search sufficiently limited? (Y/N)

• How many abstracts did you view? \_\_\_5\_\_\_

• How many full articles did you read? \_3\_\_\_

**Abstracts/Articles**

1. Select two articles from your search.

Christakis, D. (2007, September). Can We Turn a Toxin Into a Tonic? Toward 21st-Century Television Alchemy. *Pediatrics*, pp. 647,648. Retrieved April 20, 2009, doi:10.1542/peds.2007-129

Elias, M. (n.d.). Short attention span linked to TV. *USA Today*, Retrieved April 20, 2009, from Academic Search Complete database.

1. Explain why you selected articles for your review and synopsis?

These two articles were articles that best pertained to my topic of research. Both identify television as problematic to the attention span of children. They both give observations that were made in order to come to the conclusion of the problem at hand.

1. Copy and paste the APA reference and abstract (100-150 word description of the research report) in your assignment document.

* Christakis, D. (2007, September). Can We Turn a Toxin Into a Tonic? Toward 21st-Century Television Alchemy. *Pediatrics*, pp. 647,648. Retrieved April 20, 2009, doi:10.1542/peds.2007-129

The author comments on a study about the association between television viewing and shortened attention span among children. The author argues that the study lacks data on what are the contents of the television programs that the children were watching. The author contends that the observational nature of the study can have causal arguments.

* Elias, M. (n.d.). Short attention span linked to TV. *USA Today*, Retrieved April 20, 2009, from Academic Search Complete database.

The article listed above did not have an abstract. The article uses the previous author, Christakis as a reference within their short findings. The author explains how television affects a child’s attention span.